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The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CBS Participation in the Analog Nightlight Program for
Emergency and Digital Transition Information After
the DTV Transition (MB Docket No. 08-255)**

Dear Chairman Copps:

Thank you for your outstanding leadership in the DTV arena in just the few short months since you assumed the interim chairmanship of the FCC. The nation and the industry will benefit enormously from your efforts to ensure that the transition to the brave new world of bits and bytes and crystal-clear pictures is a smooth one.

At last week's open Commission meeting on the DTV transition, you cautioned that the transition this Friday, June 12, will not be "problem-free" and underscored the fact that "there will be disruption." You also noted that while the FCC will not be able to fix all of the problems, "we can fix a lot of them."

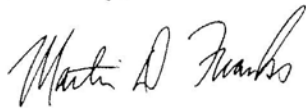
CBS remains committed to doing all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible for our viewers. To that end, as you know, we have already committed seven of our owned and operated television stations to analog nightlight operation for 30 days following June 12. Those stations are: WBZ, Boston; KCNC, Denver; KCBS, Los Angeles; WCCO, Minneapolis; WCBS, New York; KDKA, Pittsburgh; and KYW, Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, we will be the only station providing nightlight service and we are partnering with non-commercial station WHYY to provide phone bank and other assistance to that market over the weekend following the analog turn-off.

In light of the Commission's call to action last week for more broadcast station volunteers for nightlight operations, we checked our facilities once again and found that we can now commit an additional CBS-owned station to operate on analog for 30 days

after June 12: WGNT, Norfolk, Virginia. The latest numbers from Nielsen indicate that 1.9% of the households in the Norfolk DMA are completely unready for the transition. With WGNT as a nightlight, the Norfolk DMA will have access to an analog source for information on the transition after this Friday, and we pledge to you and your fellow commissioners that we will strive to reduce the number of completely unready households to as close to zero as possible.

We look forward to continuing our DTV educational partnership with the Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of additional assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin D. Franks".

cc: The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
The Honorable Robert M. McDowell
The Honorable J.D. Rockefeller IV
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
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